REMARKS

I.   Status of the Claims

Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 1-29 were pending in the application. An office action mailed April 4, 2006 required the restriction of the claims into four groups: Group I (claims 1-13), Group II (claims 14-17), Group III (claims 18-24) and Group IV (claims 25-29). This amendment cancels claims 1-17 and 25-29 without prejudice or disclaimer, amends claims 18-24 and adds new claims 30-36. Hence, upon entry of this amendment, claims 18-24 and 30-36 will stand pending for examination.

II.   Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 4, 2006, Applicants elect without traverse Group III, which includes 18-24. Accordingly, claims 1-17 and 25-29 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and the applicants respectfully reserve the right to reassert the canceled claims in this or another application.

III.   Claim Amendments

Claims 1-17 and 25-29 have been canceled in accordance with the applicants' election of the Group II claims. Claim 18 has been amended to more distinctly recite the claimed invention. In particular, claim 18 has been amended to replace the term "writing a first iteration" with the term "providing a first iteration." Correspondingly, claim 30 has been added to recite that "providing a first iteration of a source software program comprises allowing a user to write said first iteration."

Similarly, in claim 18 the term "translating" has been amended to recite "providing for the translation," and new claim 31correspondingly has been added to recite "providing for the translation of said at least a first component of said source software program comprises allowing a user to translate said at least a first component of said source software program,"

Likewise, in claim 18, the term "preparing a second iteration" has been replaced with "providing a second iteration," and new claim 32 correspondingly recites "wherein providing a second iteration of said software program comprises allowing a user to prepare said second iteration."

Claim 18 has also been amended to remove the unnecessary element "wherein a component of said software program wherein a component of said software program written in said first natural language is at least one of written and edited." New claim 33, however, similarly recites, "wherein preparing said second iteration comprises at least one of writing said software program or editing said software program."

It is submitted that these amendments do not narrow the scope of claim 18.

Claims 20-24 have been amended to comport with amended claim 18.

New claim 34 is directed to a system for developing multiple natural language versions of software, and it recites elements corresponding to those found in amended claim 18. Likewise, new claim 35 is directed to a computer software program for developing multiple natural language versions of software, and it also recites elements corresponding to those of amended claim 18. New claim 36 is directed to a system, and it recites a "means for" element corresponding to each element of the method of claim 18.

III.   Conclusion

         All pending claims are believed to be allowable over the references made of record in this application and therefore in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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